The City Officials Enjoy Tempting Spread

AS A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION

On the Part of His Honor for His Colleagues-He is Presented a Gold-Headed Cane-Neat Speeches.

On retiring from office Mayor Uhl decided to give a complimentary tanquet to the city officials who have been ssociated with him during the past two years of his administration, and a few others who have been identified with the city government in the past.

It was 9 o'clock last night before a table, stretching the entire length of the dining room in Sweet's Hotel, was surrounded by the guests of the mayor.



There were forty-three in all. His honor sat at the head of the table. On his right was ex-Alderman Brenner, now custodian of the city hall, on his left Alderman Stein. There were besides these

Anderson, Hauser,

Aldermen-Emmer, Dregge, Stokes, Saunders, Carpenter, Doyle, Conger, Kinney,

Tateum, Mahoney, O'Donnell, Frost, Ex-Aldermen-Creque, Launiere, City officials— Clerk Shunkman, Atty. Taylor, Treas, Hake,

Clerk Shinkman, Dep. Wurzburg,
Atty. Taylor, Asst. Carroll,
Treas. Hake, Clerk Nestor,
Comp. Vandenburg, Phys. Kelly,
Mars. Bragg,
Members board of review—

Other guests were: David Uhl, son of Mayor Uhl, Orlando Douglass and representatives of the press.

The banquet, strictly an informal was a pleasant affair. The menu was Raw Oysters Cold Slaw
Chicken Bonillon
Bolled Jack Snipe on Toast
Saratoga Chips Chicken Saiad
Sliced Tomaters
Cacumbers Cold Ham Cold Tongue
Assorted Cakes
Cheese and Crackers
Cafe Noir

When the courses had been disposed of and the cigars had been passed, Mayor Uhi arose in his place and said: Speech of the Mayor.

Gentlemen-I arranged this little informal affair because I thought it fitting, after having been associated with most of you in the administration of the city's affairs for the past two years, to meet with you in a social way. I have prepared no set speech, and my only object is that we shall spend a pleasant hour together. I am pleased and honored that so many have accepted my invitation. I am still more pleased to see with us here to-night the members of the board of review. After two years of experience as mayor of this great city I am about to retire to private life. In doing so I carry with me the most cherished memories. I am gratefo' to know that you have all honored me with your friendship. This man on my right, whose gray hairs denote declining years, adds additional grace to this occasion. Ex-Alderman Brenner, if I may name him, is among us tonight as he was in past years. It is no exaggeration for me to ay that to him is due the existence of our city hall, which stands as a monu-ment of beauty and a credit to our city. Here in the evening of his life, he can look back upon the work he has accomplished. It was M. Brenner who first spring the project. It was he who labored assidnously, untiringly, until at last the arrangements were completed, and now it seems most appro-priate that he should preside and watch over its welfare. In sixing up what has been accomplished during the past years, I think we have nothing to be ashamed of. In its improvements the city has made a marked advancement. In closing, from the in-nermost recess of my heart I wish you God-speed.

City Attorney Taylor followed. He said he had been delegated to pick out the short-comings of his honor. A most unpleasant task, he said, but duty knew no quarters, and he proceeded with the task before him: "It has been said that while presid-

ing as chairman of the council you have been guilty of maisting that parliamentary rules shall govern all de bate. That you have deliberately forced the aldermen to speak to the point. That you have knowingly in-sisted that bonesty and integrity shall characterize each office holder. That that you have persistently and aggressively thwarted all schemes for private gain at the expense of the public. That you have willfully used the veto power to promote the interests of the city; and last, but not least, that you have created a profund respect and love which shall last as long as you last and long after you have shuffled off this mortal coil. You are given no chance to pleast your innecesses here, but must undergo inmediate sentence. The vertice of this jury, not composed of your peers, is that you shall carry this gold headed elsony cane the remainder of your natural life."

The came was presented to Mr. Uhl. On the bead was inscribed "Mayor Uhl,

FED BY THE MAYOR | from City Officers, 1890-91, Grand Rap- | UNION MEN TO QUIT | KNIGHTS AT A FETE from City Officers, 1890-91, Grand Rapids, Mich." Was Completely Surprised. In response Mayor Uhi said: Gentlemen—You have downed the mayor at last. You have taken an unfair advantage of him. The affair which I have planned has been turned into one which places me under obligations to you. I accept this cane as a token of your profound friendship. Its presentation brings me to my feet with a command of words too small to express my thanks. It touches me beyond power to express. I can only thank you in a feeble way. I will prize this present not only fer its intrinsic value and beauty, but for the fond memories of friendship which the sight of it will always stir within me. I sincerely wish you all heaven's choicest blessings, a life full of success and good speed to you all. Hemarks were made by Custodian Brenner, City Treasurer Hake, ex-Alderman Tateum, ex-Alderman Creque, Alderman Creque, Alderman Raunders, Alderman Kinney, Alderman Saunders, Alderman Kinney, Alderman Houser, Alderman Kinney, Alderman Houser, Alderman Kinney, Alderman Houser, Alderman Wurzburg, Alderman Houser, Alderman Wurzburg, Alderman O'Donnell, Larry Carroll, Alderman Douglass favored the guests with a topical song in his inimitable style and was twice encored. It was quite late when the banquet broke up. TWO RAVISHERS HANGED.

TWO RAVISHERS HANGED.

They Robbed a Widow and Outraged

mile from town died recently, leaving

daylight every citizen was on the hunt.

Five negroes were captured, one prov-ing an alibi. Henry Grizzard was iden-

tified and hanged to a tree. Mack Harper was also identified and hanged.

The other two were sent to Nashville.

HANGED BUT ALIVE.

Coleman Blackburn Hanged April 2, Is

Reported to Be Alive and Well.

HARRISTON, Miss., April 28.-Cole-

man Blackburn, hanged here April 2,

is said to be alive and at the

home of relatives in Franklin county. He was hanged by the neck thirty-six minutes and pronounced dead by three physicians. The body was turned over to relatives and placed

in a coffin. While en-route to the grave-

vard a scratching was heard inside the coffin. The hd was removed and the supposed cornse was found alive. He has recovered sufficiently to be able to

DEEMING'S BROTHERS DENY.

They Say There Is No Trace of Insanity

in the Family of Their Name.

LONDON, April 28 .- In an interview

tonight with Albert and Alfred Deem-

ing they both indignantly denied that

any member os their family ever had been in an asylum or that their

brother had ever shown signs of

insanity, or was even tricky or mischievous to any unusual degree

when a boy. Their father and mot er

were not even eccentric and were ex-ceptionally intelligent and sagacious until their death.

New York Republicans.

state convention this afternoon Miller, Hiscock, Depew and Platt were elected

delegates at large, J. S. Reed, D. H.

C. Bue'l, alternates, H. H. Sage of Ithaca, and J. Seligman, New York, were nominated to be electers at large.

Two Miners Injured Fatally,

were fatally injured by an explosion of gas at Greenridge mine today.

Patrick Got Revenge.

Pat Scaulan was arrested a day or

two ago for disturbing a religious meet-

ing in the Division street Episcopal

court, convicted and fined. No sooner

had he paid up than he went in search

of the one who had preferred the com-plaint against him. He wanted revenge

and got it, in consequence of which he

is again behind the bars on a charge of

Yesterday's Fire.

About 4:30 o'clock yesterday a spark from the smokestack set fire to the sawdust storehouse and the dust arres-

ter adjoining and used in connection

with the F. C. Miller box factory, on

Front street, close to the Grand Rapids

& Indiana raticoad tracks. It took the

department twenty minutes to get con-

trol of the blaze and as long again to

CHINAMEN CAN SLEEP.

They Are Not Asserted by Ertiling Dis-

In the Item of sleep the Chinese es-tablishes the same difference between himself and the Occidental, says A. E. Smith, in Chinese Characteristics. Gen-erally speaking, he is able to sleep any-where. Note of the trifling disturb-

erally speaking, he is able to sleep sny-where. None of the trifling disturb-ances which drive us to despuir annoy him. With a brick for a pillow, he can lie down on his bad of stalles or much hricks or rettan and sleep the sleep of the just, with no reference to the rest of creation. He does not want his

assault and battery.

ASTLAND, Pa., April 28 .- Two miners

ALBANY, April 28 .- In the republican

walk around the room.

Her Daughter and Niece. GOODLETTSVILLE, Tenn., April 28 .-Toll-keeper Lee Bruce, living one-half

The Painters and Decorators Gay Pythians Show Their Refuse to Work

WITH NON-UNION WORKMEN TOKENS OF TRUE CONFIDENCE

And Will Go Out on a Strike Next Monday Unless the Bosses Accede to Their Demands as Submitted.

On Monday, May 1, the painters, secorators and paper hangers, about 167 in number, will go on a strike. Their only grievance is they can not work with non-union men. One year age the painters, decorators and paper hangers asked and were granted ten hours' pay for nine hours' work. The following notice, a copy of which has been served upon all the master paint-ers and decorators in the city, explains the position of the Painters' and Decorators' union:

To all master painters and decorators of the city of Grand Rapids and vicin-

ity, greeting.

In accordance with the laws which govern our local union No. 119 of the United Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators of America, and by special request of the general executive board of the order, you will please take notice, That on and after May 1, 1892, section 4 of our working rules will be strictly enforced, in consequence of strictly enforced, in consequence of which all men belonging to said brotherhood will thereafter absolutely refuse and refrain from working with

mile from town died recently, leaving a wife and a daughter, Senia, aged 15. Last night Senia's cousin, Mary Bruce, spent the night with her. About 10 o'clock two negroes broke into the house and, after robbing two rooms, came into the room where the girls were in bed, put out the light, overpowered the girls and ravished them. Another woman ran for help, but before her return the brutes more than once repeated the crime and fied. At daylight every citizen was on the hunt. non-union men.

We take this action for the purpose of the maintaining the standard and quality of the work performed, and also to obtain fair wages for a fair day's work. We also desire to co-operate with and sustain all employers who refuse to underbid and take jobs for less than they are fairly works, and then in order to save their profit work off on their customers poor workmen and materials, and to this end we propose to publish and advertise all employers of strictly union labor, and be responsible for the quality of the work done under them, to the end that the public may be able to discriminate and thus secure good work, for which all fair minded people are willing to pay fair prices.

prices.
We are working to co-operate with our employers to our mutual adstood. By order of the Painters and Decora-

tors' union, No. 119. H. WHOLE, Fin. Sec. Grand Rapids, Mich., April 28, 1892.

Many Firms Isterested, This time of year is chosen as the most opportune, because work is plenty. The demands upon leading employers has been large and it has been impossible to fill orders promptly. The firm employing the largest number of men is Harvey & Heysteck. Twenty-five men are on the pay roll, half of whom are unon men.

half of whom are union men.

Other employers are; Miller & Middleten, Caroline A. Goebel, A. H. Fowle, D. G. Henry, Wildman & Tanner, P. J. Long & Co., A. F. Burch, H. M. Benjamin and F. J. Blymeier. With the exception of the two last, all are dealers as well as employers. There are also many others of lesser importance. Two-thirds of the painters and decorators employed in the city, it is said, are non-union men. The union,

ally the opposite.
As to the ability of the union to bold out until the master painters and decorators come to terms there seems to be no doubt on the part of those who intend to walk out Monday providing their demands are not acceded to.

Mr. Harvey, of Harvey & Heystek, said last night that master painters and decorators thought the demand an unfair one and would not grant it. He said that a nine-bours work-day had been given without any reduction in pay one year ago, and that their grievice this year was in fact no grievance at all. He was in no way prejudiced against union men, but thought, inasmuch as they were receiving more pay than other mechan cs they should let well enough alone.

STANDING FOR THEIR RIGHTS. The Plumbers Still Out Waiting to Make an Agreement.

The members of the Plumbers, Steam and Gas Fitters' union who quit work Tuesday morning are still out. No change in the situation was observable vesterday, and the prospects are that the strike will be a continued one. The members claim their position and de-mands are not understood correctly by the public. They do not ask that wages shall be uniform for all members of the union, but that the scale shall remain the same as last year for nine hours' work. For instance, those who received \$2 last years for ten bours shall get the same this year for nine hours, and a \$2.50 man shall receive the same amount for a shorter day. They do not refuse to work with non union men, as some of the papers have erroneously stated. They also explain that the clause demanding pay while en route from the city to the misconstrued. They simply demand a single and not a double rate of pay for such time. Four firms have subscribed to the men's terms.

Insane Persons In Jail. Three daft persons were yesterday locked in the county jail. Elizabeth Jane Shieman was brought in from Jane Shieman was brought in from Alpine. The probate court will decide tedsy whether or not see is a fit subject or Kalamanoo: Joseph Morthouse was caught in this city yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Beaver. He escaped recently from the asylum at Kalamanoo and made his way to this city. He is an old coldier. Charles A. Martin is locked up for safe keeping. His insanity is of a temperary nature and was brought on by an excessive use of whiskey.

Mrs. Cromer's Recital. The pupils of Mrs. J. S. McDonell, as-The pupile of Mrs. J. S. McDoneil, assisted by Mrs. J. F. Cramer, Miss Kate
Thempson and Miss Marie Lammers,
soprance, gave their second piano recital in Chapet half of the Western
Michigan college last evening before a
large audience. There were seventeen
numbers on the program, among which
were three vocal souce by the seprance
who assisted. On account of the length
of the program there were no responses
to success, although they were frequestly given.

Grand Chancellor

In a Magnificent Complimentary Dinner at the New Livingston -- Excellent Program of Oratory and Melody.

As fine a looking body of men as one might expect to meet at any gathering of like character were the Pythian Knights gathered about the banqueting board spread in honor of Grand Chan-cellor W. H. Loomis, at the New Livington last night. It was after 9 e'clock before the Knights began gathering, and nearly 10 before they entered the spacious banqueting hall.
Once there, the beautifully dressed tables respiendent with flowers and silver, which flashed back white gleams of light, and the soft strains of entrancing music which filled the room, made a memorable scene of light and beauty. Fully 135 guests seated them-selves. The guests assembled around the board and with bowed heads fol-



CHANCELLOR LOOMIS

lowed a Pythian invocation by the Roy. J. E. Smith of Cowan lodge. After the invocation all seated them-selves and by courses discussed the fol-

Little Neck Clams
Green Turtle Clear Silced Tomatoes
Cucumbers Saited Pecans
Fried Brock Trout, a la Tartare
Pommes en aurprise Brottle chicken
Asparagus Sweet bread Larded in Cases
Pettt Peis

MARISCHING PRAPPE. Mallard Ducks, Bigarrade

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Spaghettia 'a Genevoise Shinded' Volaille

Strawberries, with Cream

Angel Food Kisses Lady Fingers

Macaroons Itaneane Bisque Ice Cream

Edam and Roquefort

Water trackers and Waters

Raisins Cafe Notr

Topical Fruit

The dishes proved so attractive and time sped so lightly that it was 11:30 before the toast master called a halt and begged the Knights who had so valiantly charged, conquered and captured the dainty viands to give atten-tion to a program which promised also of the flowing bowl he hoped to more than compensate for by the flow of congenial spirit and wit which had been provided and which the gentlemen down for responses would furnish. This flow of spirit will be exhilarating. It removes for the time the cares and concerns of life and with the speakers we can live over again our Pythian experiences. No: only will it be exullarating, but it will leave a deeper impress. From it we can cull fact or fancy, each clothed in its proper guise and each a wine which will enrich the mind by adding weight to its store. Our three great principles, friendship, charity and benevolence, will be amplified. The first, our abiding brotherhood. The second, our succoring care. The taird, our guiding principles In these principles we have grown to a mighty tody. By these principles we have With these principles the future promises us much. No better wine can be offered. No better need be.

Program of Speeches The program was then taken up in order, and as each name was called like true knights those who were to respond were found in their places ready for the part assigned them. Space for-bids a report of the many bright things said. Enough that like all true knights they thrust and parried with a skill born only of an earnest will to do faithfully and well the duty assigned. Hon. S. Wesselius, Tonstmaster, Eureka No. 2 Pythian Reminiscences. Hon. A. S. White, Eureka No. 2 The Professions in Pythianism Dr. J. A. McColl, Valley City No. 124

The Uniform Rank
James Rayne, Grand Rapids Div. No. 6
Modern Knighthood
Rev. J. E. Smith, Cowan No. 88 ... Wurzburg's Orchestra The Order in Michican J. W. Hopkins, G. K. R. and S. Lansing, Mich.

Rev. J. T. Husted, Lally No. 110 Warsburg's Orchestra The Subordinate Lodge
Past Chancelor C. E. Ward,
Eureka No. 2

The Grand Lodge W. H. Loomis, Eureka No 2 Wurzburg Orchestra Quests of the Night,

Among those present were the honored guests, W. H. Loomis, G. C.; J. W. Hopkins, G. K. R. & S., Lansing; H. F. Hopkins, G. K. R. & S., Laneing; H. F.
Hastings, commander Michigan Brigade, uniform rank, and the following
lowing list of past chancellors: W.
J. Page and W. J. Berry of Lilly,
No. 110; Henry W. Huntley and T. W.
May of Valley City, No. 124.
A. S. White, H. D. C. Van Asmus, E. E. Park, James Bayne, Alfred Wolcott, C. E. Ward and A. B. Knewisen of

Eureka No. 2. F. C. Temple and Dr. A. Rebinson of Cowan No. 80.

In their places and representing the different lodges were the following named officers:

named officers:

W. D. Pugh, C. C.; F. W. Hunter, V. C.; Alfred Wolcott, P. C.; C. E. Linree, K. of, R. A. S.; Dr. Hong, preinte; F. M. Williams, M. A.; E. G. Meyrl, M. F.; Bernhardt Born, M. E.; Mr. Strawdecker, I. t.; Mr. Squires, O. G., and sixty members of Eureka No. 2,

W. C. Wood, C. C.; Fred Volkert, V. C.; C. A. Beete, P. C.; C. D. Menher,

K. of R. & S.; William Welch, prelate; Fred Olly, M. A.; J. E. Keegan, M. F.; C. D. Mesher, M. E.; B. H. Walliss, I. G.; Fred Fowler, O. G., and twenty members of Cowan No. 59.
J. H. Dalley, C. C.; A. L. Calkins, V. C.; D. T. Berry, P. C.; T. F. Bechtel, K. of R. & S.; Rev. J. T. Husted, prelate; Howard Martin, M. A.; F. E. Wood, M. F.; F. B. Cole, M. E.; Leuis Bartlett, I. G.; T. F. Kenyon, O. G., and thirty members of Lily No. 119.

Arthur H. Chilver, C. C.; R. N. Wolcott, V. C.; Henry Huntly, P. C.; G. Arthur H. Chilver, C. C.; R. N. Weicott, V. C.; Henry Huntly, P. C.; G. W. Dennis, K. of R. & S.; T. W. May, prelate; Fred Utley, M. A.; J. A. Risedorph, M. T.; Joseph Kruse, Jr., M. E. E. L. Smith, I. G.; J. W. Teevin, O. G., and twenty-five member of Valley City No. 124.

ELOCUTIONARY RECITAL.

A Pretty Program Prettily Produced Last Night.

The recital given last evening by the Senior class of the Grand Rapids school of elecution, under the direction of Mrs. Cherryman, in Good Templars hall drew a large crowd. The hall was completely filled and the entrances were blockaded early in the evening, so that those who were a little late in arriving could not get a chance to even look into the room. The hall also contained a large number who remained and listened to the music and recitations that were produced by and listened to the music and recitations that were produced by those who were hidden from their view. The entertainment was one of the most enjoyable that has been given in this city this season. The following program was beautifully rendered: Piano solo, Professor Wellenstein; "A Miserable Day," Anna McNarama; "Master Johnnie," Edith Studiey; "The Monarch of Olla," Daisy Deane; vocal solo, Mrs. Cherryman; "Seven Times Two," Florence Mahony; "Courtesy," Harriet Curtis: "Archie Deane," Addie Mills; harp solo, Letta C. Buck; "Trixie's Ring," Florence Harper; "Aunt Tabitha," Mabel Morehouse; "David and Dora," Alice Bragg; "The Pixy People," the class. 'The Pixy People," the class.

MUST WAIT TWO DAYS. Secretary Kinsey Promises to Make Public Some "Results."

Secretary Kinsey, of the improvement board, is a heavy man just now. Asked yesterday by a reporter for THE Himslip as to the results of his eastern trip, his grace let down his voice three notches and replied: "It will be at least forty-eight hours before I shall give the results of my mission to Bawston to the reporters." "You have some results to give, then?" was asked. The presence bridled a little at the question. "Results," he said solemnly, "well I should my I had. But there are important negotiations now under way between myself and eastern parties which I can not make public now."
Here Mr. Kinsey sighed long, deep sighs as if to say, "This responsibility is awful, awful." "It is said that you are awful, awful." "It is said that you are showing the city to a party from Niles who contemplate locating here." returned the reporter. "Yes, that is true; but I can not give the results of the matter yet. I wish nothing said about it. It would not do at all," and with a waye of his band Mr. Kinsey dismissed the reporter and alone with his "results."

OLD-FASHIONED SPELLING BEE. A Pleasant Evening Spent by the Baptist Young People.

The Young Peoples' society of Fountain street Baptist church held an oldfashioned spelling match last evening in the church parlors. It drew out a good attendance and considerable amusement was afforded whenever a word was misspelled. The exercises opened with a solo by Miss Florence koss, which was followed by a piccalo solo by Willard Gouldsbury. Before the spealing began the Hon M. S. Cosby and Mrs. A. J. Daniels "chose sides, each taking twenty-six persons. The words were pronounced by Prof. A. J. Daniels, and it required nearly two hours to "spell them down." The A. J. Daniels was the last one standing. The last word spelled was "vaccinate" and Mrs. Daniels was the

TYPOGRAPHICAL IMPROVEMENT, A Type Founder's Agent Says the Demand is for Beauty.

E. F. Soule of Chicago is a guest at Sweet's Hotel. He represents the typefounding nouse of Barnhart Bros. & Spindler, one of the largest in the world. Mr. Soule speaks enthusiastic-ally of the growth of better and more artistic ideas in the printing of newspers," he said, "are doing away with the use of heavy black type that so disfigures a sheet. This improvement is shown by the fact that our firm c rell at any price or to any firm the styles that were popular two or three years ago. The demand is for plain, light type and I look forward to the day when the newspapers will be simost as neatly and carefully done as book work.

RECKLESS BICYCLE RIDERS. Two Numbskulls Dash Down Monroe

Street at a Furious Pace. Two bicyclists, wearing L. A. W. suits and from all appearances gifted with at least ordinary horse sense, indulged in an exciting race down Monroe street and into Canal street yester.

day afternoon about 2 o'clock. The two pretties rode well, looked very cun-ning and attracted much unfavorable comment from alarmed pedestrians. Their pace was faster than any horseman would think of making in so crowded a thoroughfare. Had any child or belpless person been in their path a serious and probably fatal accident would have been inevitable. Their names could not be obtained.

Charley Malone created a disturb

ance in Simmon's ball last night. He was locked up at police headquarters as a drunk and disorderly person. A gray borse attached to a road eart

created some consternation yesterday by becoming frightened and running away on East Fulton street. Mary Nichols was taken from No. 278

Lagrave etreet to St. Mark's hospital in the ambulance yesterday. She was suffering with a fractured knee.

William Downe and Eigin Smith were arrested for fighting on Monroe street last night. During the struggie Smith sprained his ankle. He was taken home and Downe was locked up.

OPEN UP THE RIVER

A General Demand that the Channel Be Deepened

CITIZENS GIVE THEIR VIEWS

And All of Them Point Out the Incatimable Advantages to Accrue by a Permanent Improvement.

There can be but little doubt that if the question of improving Grand river were left to the merchants and manufacturers of this city the work would be begun at once. But it would be unfair to ask them to pay the expense when innumerable crecks and dry channels are improved at the expense of the whole country, and hence application is made to the general government, which receives jurisdiction over it as a navigable stream. In its present condition navigation is but little more than a burlesque on what it ought to be. Numerous obstructions, easily removed, and shallow places, easily deepened, prevent the passage of any craft except those of very light draught. With a moderate expenditure of money the channel for the entire distance between this city and the lake can be made navigable for lake vessels and steamers of standard draught. This steamers of standard draught. This fact has been demonstrated again and again, but the truth will lose mone of its force if it be driven home to the attention of congress at every outor-tunity. Therefore, to join in the effort to secure the much-desired improvement The Herald again solicits spontaneous expressions of commons from tareous expressions of opinions from citizens who are actively interested, to the end that the matter be thoroughly agitated. Yesterday a reporter for THE HERALD met with the subjected words of encouragement:

S. M. Lemon—The improvement of Grand river would not only be a benefit to Grand Kapids, but to the neighfit to Grand Rapids, but to the neighboring states as well, hence it is not a matter of local but of general interest. The people of Grand Rapids nearly three years ago put their hands into their pockets and paid out nearly \$1000 to defray the expense for a survey of the river, and again one year ago a number of the people here made another contribution to help defray the expenses incurred in the public survey, made under the subervision of Colonel Ludlow, and the fact that the report of that survey has been so slow in reachthat survey has been so slow in reaching Washington is no fault of the peo-ple of this locality, nor is it sufficient ple of this locality, nor is it sufficient reason for deferring the appropriation. On the contrary, Colonel Ludlow's report is extremely favorable. It points out the absolute necessity for the immediate improvement of the river and the great benefits which will naturally follow such improvement. It is a well known fact, admitted on all sides, that the improvement of Grand river would add greatly to the population of our city and the development of western Michigan, and I do hope that the representatives of the state, both congressmen and senators, will realize the nemen and senators, will realize the necossity of securing an immediate apasked for incorporated in the river and harbor bill now before the senate.

Wide Territory Interested. H. D. C. Van Assaus, secretary of the board of trade—All the territory that looks to this market for its supplies is interested in the matter of improving Grand river for commercial purposes. There is no doubt that it will cheapen freight rates without detriment to the railroad companies. It will increase the number of industries, thereby making more business for all lines. One of the main objects in asking that the river be improved as that we have learned from experience that many in-dustries have been turned from this city because we have no water comwas first organized it went to work and advertised the city very extensively, and as the result many manufacturers came here expecting to find Grand river a navigable stream. When they learn d it was not they located cle-where. If the river could be made navigable many industries would spring up along its banks for miles out-side of the city.

It should be Improved.

Col. George G. Briggs-I think there is nothing that would enhance the interests of Grand Rapids so much as to have the river improved. The fact that the supreme court has declared Grand river to be a navigable stream ought to convince congress that it should be improved. The saving in freight rates would be a big item to the people of Grand Rapids alone. The amount saved in shipping coal would be 50 cents a ton. The report of the survey reached congress too late to enappropriation included in the river and harbor bill when it was prepared in the house of representatives. The bill is now before the senate, and both Michigan senators are on record as favoring an appropriation for Grand river. himself for this purpose and express himself by letter to our representatives.

C. H. Leonard-This is a question of vital importance to every citizen of Grand Rapids. There is a class of business in this city that does not realize the great benefit that would accrue to it from the dredging of Grand river. Those using water power would aime be benefited to the amount of the appropriation asked for. The river would be lowered four feet, which would inbe lowered four feet, which would increase their power, making it entirely ampie for all purposes. I am glad to see THE HERALD take up this matter, because it is a subject of great importance and needs agitating. Colonet Ludlow gives as his reason for the delay in submitting the report of the survey, that the appropriation was so small that he could employ but one man on the work. When the river and harber ball was being made up in the house of representatives, a dummy ought to have been provided to take the place of the Grand river appropriation, then when everything was ready the amount could have been added to the bill.

T. F. Moseley—If we can secure an

the bill.

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